

REMARKS

The Examiner recently allowed all pending claims (*i.e.*, claims 60-65 and 67-79) in the instant application (*see*, Notice of Allowability of October 5, 2004).

I. Amendment to the Claims:

Claims 60, 63-65 and 78-79 have been amended to correct clerical errors. No new matter has been added by way of the instant amendment to the claims. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request entry of these amendments to the claims.

II. Priority:

The instant application claims the benefit of priority to U.S. Serial No. 08/403,253, filed March 10, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 6,352,694, and U.S. Serial No. 08/253,964, filed June 3, 1994, pending (*see*, Amendment and Response filed May 5, 2003).

However, the filing receipt mailed November 20, 2002, incorrectly indicates that this application claims the benefit of U.S. Serial No. 08/253,694, filed June 3, 1994, now U.S. Patent No. 5,635,697, as well as six other earlier filed applications.

Applicants note that the priority data on the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system for this application is correct.

Applicants respectfully request that the instant application issue as a patent with the correct priority data.

III. Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance:

a. Detailed Action:

In order to clarify the record, Applicants note that the Examiner's Notice of Allowability incorrectly describes several of Applicants' Amendments (*see*, Notice of Allowability, page 2, section 1).

Specifically, in the Amendment filed 07/27/04, Applicants did not cancel claims 1-59 and 66, and add claims 78-79; instead Applicants canceled claim 66, and amended claim 65. Claims 1-59 were canceled in several earlier Amendments.

Further, in contrast to the Examiner's statement, in the Amendment filed 08/13/04, the status of the claims were not the same as in the Amendment filed 07/27/04; instead, claims 78-79 were newly added.

Finally, the Examiner incorrectly notes that claims 60-65 were amended in the Amendment filed 09/22/04; instead, only claims 60-64 were amended.

b. Reasons for Allowance:

The Examiner indicated that Terminal Disclaimers were filed in this application over U.S. Patent Nos. 6,352,694 and 6,534,055 and U.S. Serial Nos. 08/253,964, 08/592,7111 [sic], and 09/349,915 (*see*, Notice of Allowability, page 2, section 2, fifth paragraph).

However, terminal disclaimers were filed over U.S. Patent Nos. 6,352,694 and 6,534,055 and U.S. Serial Nos. 08/253,964, 08/592,711, and 09/349,915.

c. Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. § 154(b):

The Patent Office has determined that the instant application is entitled to 10 days of Patent Term Adjustment (PTA). We have independently analyzed the PTA for this application and determined it to be 0 days.


CONCLUSION

No fees are believed to be due in connection with this correspondence. However, if any fees are due, please charge any payments due, or credit any overpayments, to our Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below if he has any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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